

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1012  
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A RESOLUTION to provide for the erection of a memorial marker in honor of the late Deputy Dennis Ray Armes of the Roane County Sheriff's Department on State Route 58 in Roane County.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has paid homage to those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Dennis Ray Armes, Deputy of the Roane County Sheriff's Department, was most assuredly one such exemplary public servant, as he gave his life while protecting his community from those who sought to do it harm; and

WHEREAS, a great tragedy befell Roane County on the fateful day of March 15, 1983, when Deputy Armes was shot and killed after stopping a vehicle on State Route 58; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Roane County were deeply aggrieved and horrified by this terrible and wasteful loss of one of the county's best and brightest law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Armes truly enjoyed being a police officer, and he evidenced uncommon dedication to his duties with the Roane County Sheriff's Department despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Armes was a highly respected member of his community, not only as law enforcement professional who served and protected his fellow citizens, but also as a neighbor and friend; and

WHEREAS, the Roane County Commission has petitioned this General Assembly to erect a memorial marker in Deputy Armes' honor on State Route 58 in the vicinity of the old Fairview School; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Legislative Body most heartily concur with this excellent proposal to honor the bountiful life of Deputy Dennis Ray Armes of the Roane County



Sheriff's Department, an exceptional police officer and human being who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain a memorial marker or sign to honor the memory of Deputy Dennis Ray Armes on State Route 58 in Roane County in the vicinity of the old Fairview School. The purpose of such marker or sign is to provide a lasting tribute to the late Deputy Dennis Ray Armes of the Roane County Sheriff's Department, an exemplary public servant who made the ultimate sacrifice of his life while protecting his community and fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of the signage provided for in this resolution shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Roane County Commission.